

Lower Paxton Township

2012 Budgets

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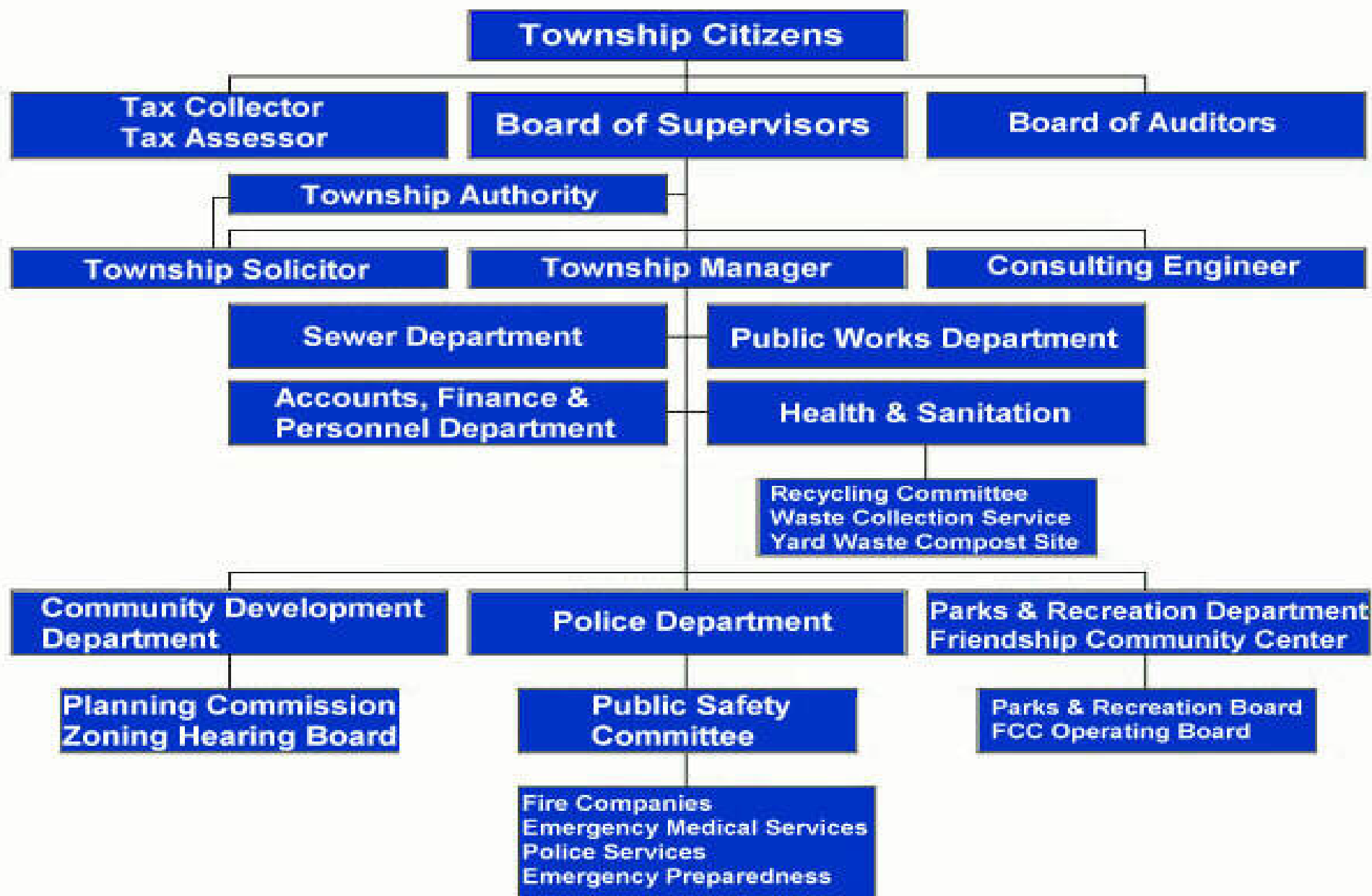
- *Your Municipal Government* -

- LPT is organized as a PA Township of the 2nd Class, with 5 Supervisors elected at large.
 - LPT possesses a population of more than 47,000 residents in 28 square miles.
 - LPT owns 190 miles of roads, 275 miles of sanitary sewers, 320 acres of parkland.
 - LPT employs 140 full-time and nearly 400 part-time and seasonal workers.
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- *Your Municipal Services* -

- ☐ Public Safety - *Police, Fire, EMS, & Emergency Preparedness*
 - ☐ Public Works – *roads, storm sewers, municipal properties, and the compost facility*
 - ☐ Sanitary Sewer
 - ☐ Parks and Recreation & the Friendship Center
 - ☐ Community Development/Sanitation/Health
 - ☐ Administration/Finance/Personnel
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Lower Paxton Township - Your 2012 Municipal Funds -

The following budgets are proposed for consideration by the Board of Supervisors. The LPTA adopted its budgets during a public meeting on November 22, 2011. Final consideration by the Board is scheduled for its public meeting to be held on December 20, 2011, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

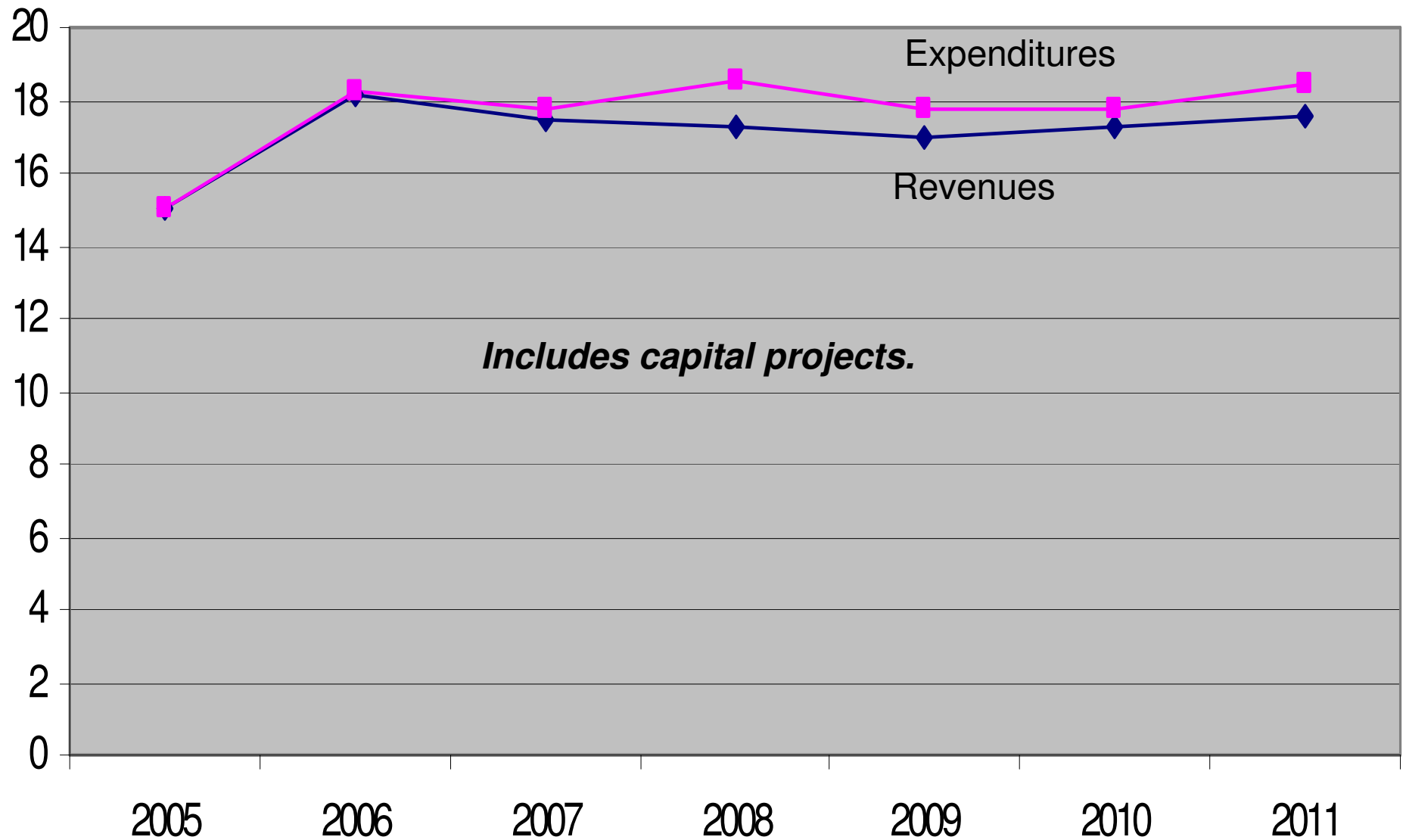
General Fund, including State Aid Fund
- \$19,170,478

General Improvement Fund -

Lower Paxton Township Annual Expenditures for Operations

- ❑ From 2007 through the 2012 budget, annual expenditures for municipal operations have increased by a total of 3.7% or **only 0.73% per year**.
 - ❑ The Consumer Price Index for NE urban areas has increased 12.6% from 1/07 to 10/11.
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GF Total Revenues and Expenditures



Lower Paxton Township Real Estate Tax (Basics for 2012)

- ❑ The Real Estate Tax rate increases from 0.9625 mills to 1.3 mills.
 - ❑ The Real Estate Tax is expected to generate \$3,851,153, ***only 20%*** of the General Fund.
 - ❑ 30% of the Real Estate Tax (\$1,165,875) funds fire (volunteer) and emergency medical (3rd party) services.
 - ❑ **Only \$2.7 million in Real Estate Tax revenue is available for municipal operations in 2012 – only 14% of the General Fund.**
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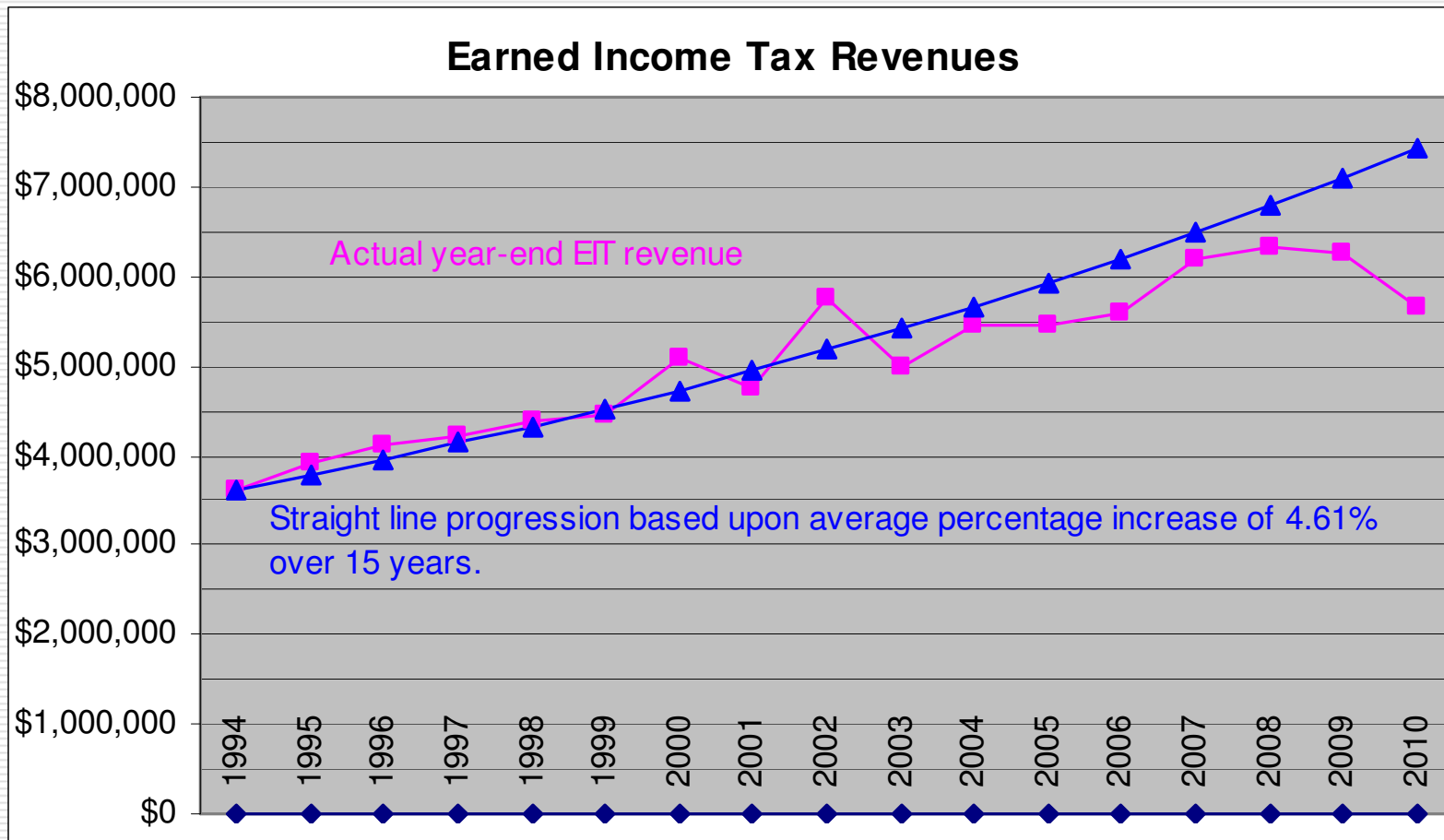
Lower Paxton Township Municipal Tax Basics

- ❑ The Real Estate Tax is the **only** significant source of General Fund revenue that LPT can adjust.
 - ❑ LPT **cannot** adjust the rates of taxation for Earned Income, Local Services, or Real Estate Transfer Taxes, the only other taxes it levies.
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Lower Paxton Township Municipal Tax Basics

- ❑ The Township's largest source of revenue is the Earned Income Tax (EIT), expected to generate \$6,100,000 in 2012.
 - ❑ ***EIT receipts have declined due to the national economic crisis.***
 - ❑ The Local Service Tax is expected to generate \$1,100,000.
 - ❑ ***The Township levies no other taxes that are paid by residents on an annual basis.***
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Lower Paxton Township Municipal Tax Basics



Lower Paxton Township Expenditures for Capital Projects

Expenditures from the General Improvement Fund for capital projects:

- 2012 - \$1,856,254 (proposed)
 - 2011 - \$934,500 (year-end estimate)
 - 2010 - \$1,070,034
 - 2009 - \$1,273,680
 - 2008 - \$2,218,824
 - 2007 - \$1,286,130
 - 2006 - \$1,485,026
 - 2005 - \$1,752,415
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Lower Paxton Township Fund Balance

The Board of Supervisors' policy is to maintain a General Fund balance of at least 25% of budgeted General Fund expenditures for operations, \$18,170,523, as proposed in the 2012 General Fund budget.

The General Fund balance at the end of 2011 is estimated to be \$3,340,934.

Per policy, 25% of the \$18,170,523 General Fund 2012 budget is \$4,542,631.

The year-end 2011 General Fund balance is estimated to be \$1,201,934 less than the 25% threshold.

2011 DAUPHIN COUNTY MILLAGE RATES FOR REAL ESTATE TAXES

Berrysburg Borough	0.55000	Mifflin Township	0.50000
Conewago Township	N/A	Millersburg Borough	4.87800
Dauphin Borough	5.00000	Paxtang Borough	10.7300
Derry Township	1.09660	Penbrook Borough	9.00000
East Hanover Township	0.36000	Pillow Borough	0.60000
Elizabethville Borough	4.40000	Reed Township	2.00000
Gratz Borough	0.80250	Royalton Borough	3.00000
Halifax Borough	2.52800	Rush Township	0.35000
Halifax Township	0.93000	South Hanover Township	0.46110
Highspire Borough	12.3500	Steelton Borough 14.00 (land) & 14.0 (building)	
Hummelstown Borough	2.00000	Susquehanna Township	2.09800
Jackson Township	0.22000	Swatara Township	2.31600
Jefferson Township	0.78000	Upper Paxton Township	0.47800
Londonderry Township	1.07000	Washington Township	1.44000
<u>Lower Paxton Township</u>	<u>0.9625</u>	Wayne Township	0.51740
Lower Swatara Township	3.40600	West Hanover Township	1.18570
Lykens Borough	3.92000	Wiconisco Township	3.94000
Lykens Township	0.25000	Williamstown Borough	6.05000
Middle Paxton Township	N/A	Williams Township	1.46000
Middletown Borough	5.63100	City of Harrisburg 28.67 (land) & 4.78 (building)	

Average 2011 Municipal Real Estate Tax Millage In Dauphin County

1.975 mills – (excludes 2 with no real estate tax and 5 with millage rates above 9 mills).

Lower Paxton Township - 0.9625 mills in 2011 and 1.300 mills in 2012.

Lower Paxton Township Real Estate Tax (History)

1989.....	1.4925 mills
1990 – 1994.....	1.9825 mills
1995.....	1.7849 mills
1996 – 2001.....	1.6049 mills
2002 – 2004.....	0.8750 mills <i>(2002 county-wide reassessment, no effective change in levy)</i>
2005 – 2007.....	0.7000 mills
2008 – 2010.....	0.8750 mills
2011.....	0.9625 mills
2012 (proposed).....	1.3000 mills

Lower Paxton Township Real Estate Tax (Example)

The LPT Real Estate Tax for a house with an assessed value of \$200,000

2011 Real Estate Tax (.9625 mills):	2012 Real Estate Tax (1.3 mills):
.6815 mills (general) \$136.30	.941 mills (general) \$188.20
.240 mills (fire protection) \$48.00	.318 mills (fire protection) \$63.60
.041 mills (library service) \$8.20	.041 mills (library service) \$8.20
TOTAL: \$192.00	TOTAL: \$260.00

In 2012, the proposed increase in the Real Estate Tax would cost a home owner, in the above example, **an additional \$68 per year.**

Lower Paxton Township TOTAL Real Estate Taxation

- In 2011, Lower Paxton Township property owners paid real estate taxes at the rate of 21.7365 mills; to CDSD at 13.548 mills, Dauphin County at 7.226 mills, and LPT at 0.9625 mills.***
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